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   ☐ Box No. III   Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

   ☐ Box No. IV   Lack of unity of invention

   ☒ Box No. V   Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

   ☐ Box No. VI   Certain documents cited

   ☐ Box No. VII   Certain defects in the international application

   ☐ Box No. VIII   Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I	Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

   ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____ , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

   ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))

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2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

   ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

   ☒ the description:

       pages   **1-34** _____ as originally filed/furnished

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   ☒ the claims:

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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

   ☐ the description, pages _____

   ☐ the claims, Nos. _____

   ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims	---	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims	---	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims	---	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1. US 6353614 B1
D2. US 2002/024959 A1

The cited documents represent the general state of the art. The invention defined in claims 1-24 is not disclosed by any of these documents. The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed method of allocating network addresses. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art. Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-24 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING AMENDMENTS OF THE CLAIMS

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The International Bureau hereby transmits a copy of the amendments to the claims under Article 19 together with any accompanying statement (Rule 62).

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AMENDED CLAIMS
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original claims 1-24 replaced by amended claims 1-24 (6 pages)]

CLAIMS

1.   A method for enabling establishment of a connection between a node of an inside address realm and a node of an outside address realm through an intermediate

5   communication gateway having a pool of outside-realm gateway addresses for outside-realm representation of inside-realm nodes, said method comprising the steps of:

-    centrally allocating, in response to a configuration request initiated from said inside-realm node, an outside-realm gateway address from said pool of gateway addresses and an inside node port number for said inside-realm node,

10   wherein said step of centrally allocating comprises the step of identifying, based on predetermined connection information derivable from said configuration request, an outside-realm gateway address and an inside node port number that in combination with said predetermined connection information define an outside-realm gateway state representation that has no counterpart in any existing gateway connection state;

15   -   initiating establishment of said connection at least partly based on the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number; and

-    transmitting the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number to the requesting inside-realm node in a configuration reply.

20   2.   The method according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined connection information includes at least one of outside node address information and outside node port information.

3.   The method according to claim 1, wherein a gateway connection state is established

25   in said gateway based on said outside-realm gateway state representation and a representation of an inside-realm routing path between said gateway and said inside-realm node.

4.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the allocated outside-realm gateway

30   address and inside node port number are represented by an allocated socket network

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address and a source port number, and the predetermined connection information includes a destination network address and a destination port number, and the outside-realm gateway state representation is defined by a unique set of socket parameters including the allocated socket network address and source port number, the destination

5 network address and the destination port number.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein said configuration reply is a DNS (Domain Name Server) reply.

10 6. The method according to claim 5, wherein said allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number are conveyed in a dedicated DNS record in said DNS reply.

7. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of said inside-realm
15 node configuring a communication interface according to said allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number.

8. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of establishing an inside-realm routing path between said gateway and said inside-realm node.

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9. A system for enabling establishment of a connection between a node of an inside address realm and a node of an outside address realm through an intermediate communication gateway having a pool of outside-realm gateway addresses for outside-realm representation of inside-realm nodes, said system comprising:

25   - means for centrally allocating, in response to a configuration request initiated from said inside-realm node, an outside-realm gateway address from said pool of gateway addresses and an inside node port number for said inside-realm node, wherein said means for centrally allocating comprises means for identifying, based on predetermined connection information derivable from said configuration request, an
30 outside-realm gateway address and an inside node port number that in combination with

said predetermined connection information define an outside-realm gateway state representation that has no counterpart in any existing gateway connection state;

- means for initiating establishment of said connection at least partly based on the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number; and

5 - means for transmitting the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number to the requesting inside-realm node in a configuration reply.

10. The system according to claim 9, wherein said predetermined connection information includes at least one of outside node address information and outside node 10 port information.

11. The system according to claim 9, wherein a gateway connection state is established in said gateway based on said outside-realm gateway state representation and a representation of an inside-realm routing path between said gateway and said inside-15 realm node.

12. The system according to claim 9, wherein the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number are represented by an allocated socket network address and a source port number, and the predetermined connection information 20 includes a destination network address and a destination port number, and the outside-realm gateway state representation is defined by a unique set of socket parameters including the allocated socket network address and source port number, the destination network address and the destination port number.

25 13. The system according to claim 9, wherein said configuration reply is a DNS (Domain Name Server) reply.

14. The system according to claim 13, wherein said allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number are conveyed in a dedicated DNS record in said 30 DNS reply.

15. The system according to claim 9, further comprising means for establishing an inside-realm routing path between said gateway and said inside-realm node.

16. A gateway resource manager for a communication gateway, said communication gateway having a pool of outside-realm gateway addresses for outside-realm representation of inside-realm nodes, said gateway resource manager comprising:

- means for allocating an outside-realm gateway address from said pool of gateway addresses and an inside node port number to be used in establishing a gateway connection state for a flow between an inside-realm node and an outside-realm node,

wherein said allocating means comprises means for identifying, based on predetermined connection information, an outside-realm gateway address and an inside node port number that in combination with said predetermined connection information define an outside-realm gateway state representation that has no counterpart in any existing gateway connection state;

- means for initiating establishment of said gateway connection state at least partly based on the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number; and

- means for transmitting the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number to said inside-realm node.

17. The gateway resource manager according to claim 16, wherein said predetermined connection information includes at least one of outside node address information and outside node port information.

18. The gateway resource manager according to claim 16, wherein the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number are represented by an allocated socket network address and a source port number, and the predetermined connection information includes a destination network address and a destination port number, and the outside-realm gateway state representation is defined by a unique set of

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socket parameters including the allocated socket network address and source port number, the destination network address and the destination port number.

19. The gateway resource manager according to claim 16, wherein said means for
5   initiating establishment of said gateway connection state comprises means for requesting that said gateway establishes a gateway connection state based on said outside-realm gateway state representation and a representation of an inside-realm routing path between said gateway and said inside-realm node.

10   20. The gateway resource manager according to claim 16, wherein said allocating means performs allocation in response to a configuration request initiated from said inside-realm node, and said transmitting means transmits the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number to said inside-realm node in a configuration reply.

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21. The gateway resource manager according to claim 20, wherein said configuration reply is a DNS (Domain Name Server) reply.

22. The gateway resource manager according to claim 21, wherein said allocated
20   outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number are conveyed in a dedicated DNS record in said DNS reply.

23. A method of configuring an inside-realm communication node for communication with an outside-realm communication node via a communication gateway having a pool
25   of outside-realm gateway addresses for outside-realm representation of inside-realm nodes, said method comprising the steps of:
        -   centrally allocating an outside-realm gateway address from said pool of gateway addresses and an inside node port number for said inside-realm node,
        wherein said step of centrally allocating comprises the step of identifying, based on
30   predetermined connection information, an outside-realm gateway address and an inside

node port number that in combination with said predetermined connection information define an outside-realm gateway state representation that has no counterpart in any existing gateway connection state;

5   -   transmitting the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number to said inside-realm node; and

       -    configuring said inside-realm communication node according to the allocated outside-realm gateway address and inside node port number.

24.   An inside-realm communication terminal arranged for communication with any of
10 a number of outside-realm hosts via a communication gateway having a pool of outside-realm gateway addresses for enabling outside-realm representation of inside-realm communication terminals, said communication terminal comprising:

       -    means for requesting, in a modified DNS (Domain Name Server) query, central configuration for communication with a selected one of said outside-realm hosts;

15   -   means for receiving a DNS configuration reply including an allocated outside-realm gateway address and an allocated terminal port number, said allocated outside-realm gateway address and said allocated terminal port number being arranged in a dedicated DNS record in said configuration reply;

       -    means for configuring a communication interface according to said outside-
20 realm gateway address and said terminal port number.